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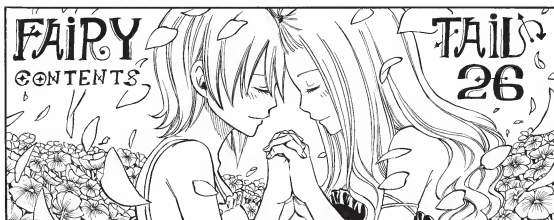
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FAIRY TAIL

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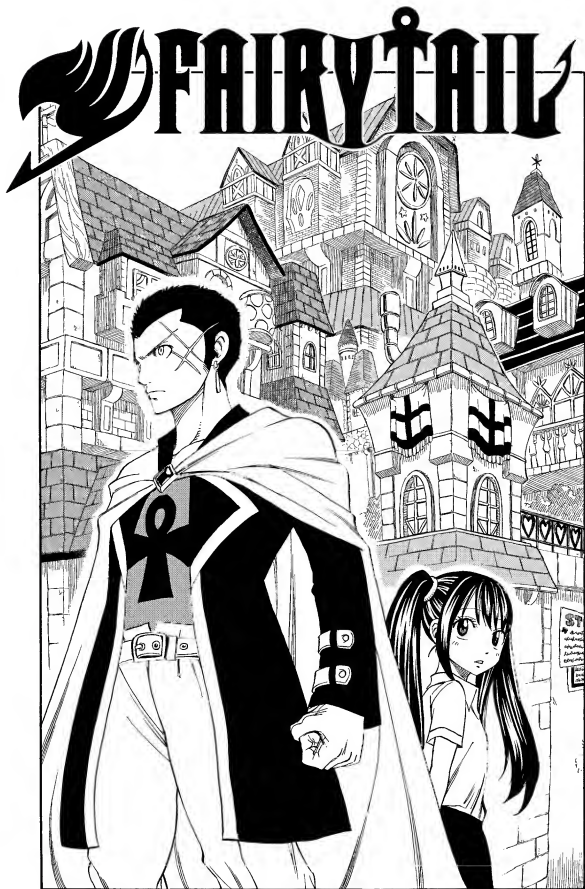
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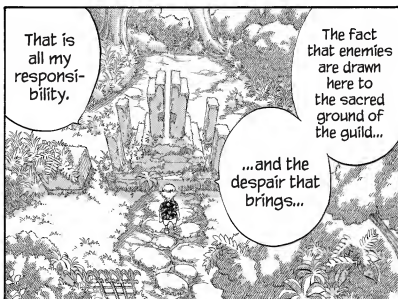
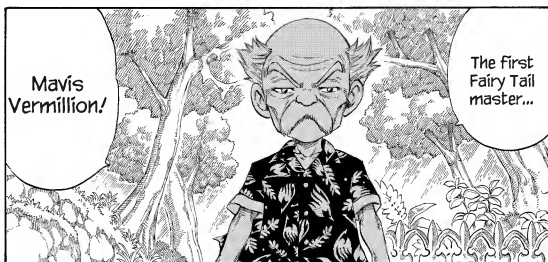
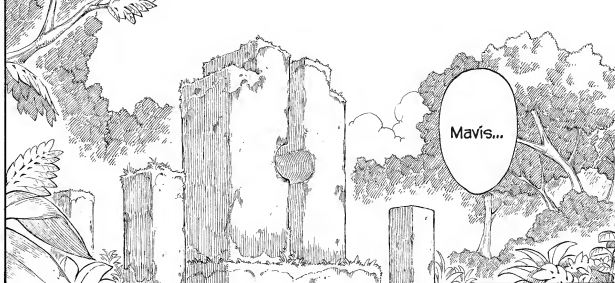
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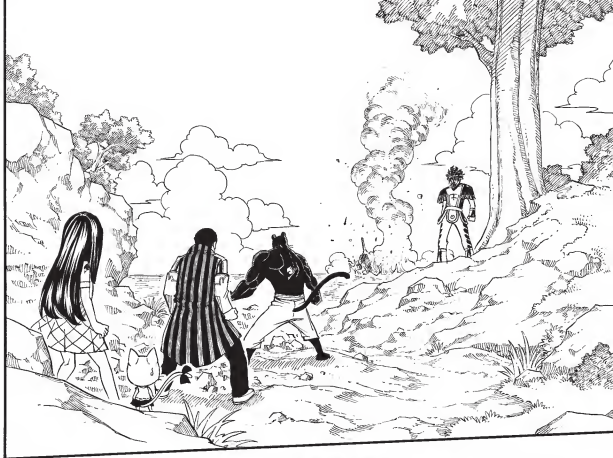
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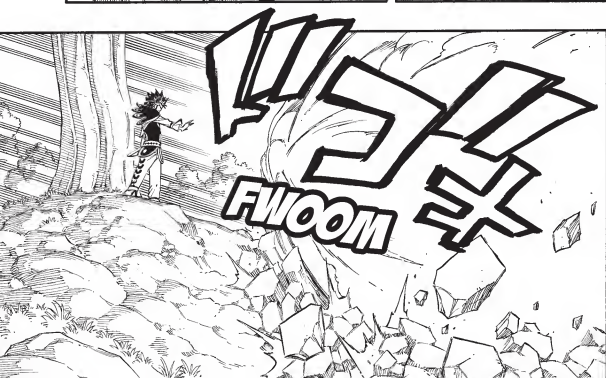
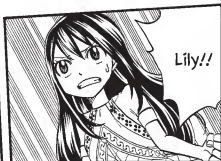


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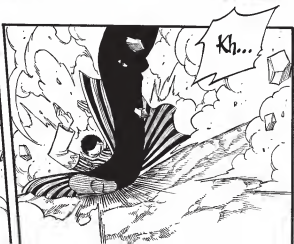
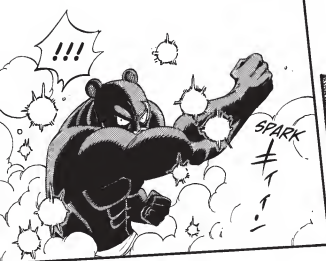


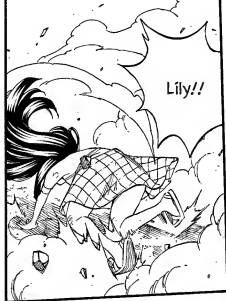








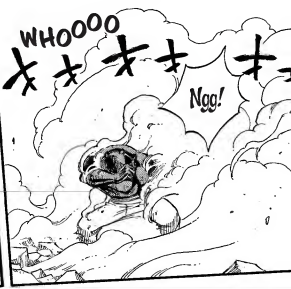




Lily!!



I don't
even
have a
sword...



WHOOOO
* * * * *

Ngg!



**ARMS!!
VERNIER
!!!**

Roh!



FWP
///



That'll
do!!!



Mest-san! I have a plan!

But I need your help!



What difference does that make now?!

Wh-What are you talking about? I'm a member of the Council!



I came here to crush your guild so I can get a promotion!!!!



Please give me your help!!!!

I want to protect Fairy Tail!!!!



Now I can dodge his explosions!!!!



I don't
care!!!
I'll never
let that
happen!!!!



My explosions
will follow you
no matter
where you
run!



Right
!!



Lily!!
Fly!!





"Sky Dragon's Roar!"



How dull.



Tenryū no Hōkō!!!!



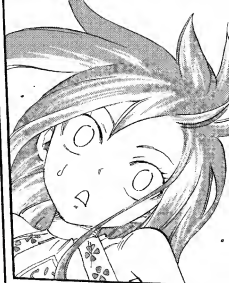
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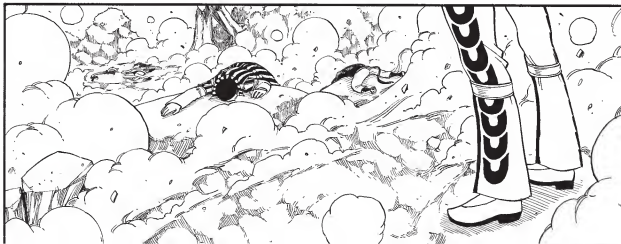


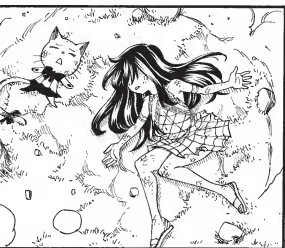
I'm better off defeating this guy for now!

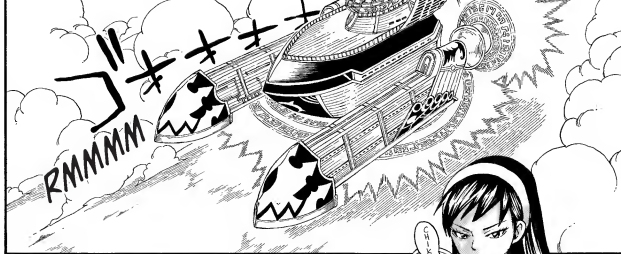


**TOWER
BURST
!!!**



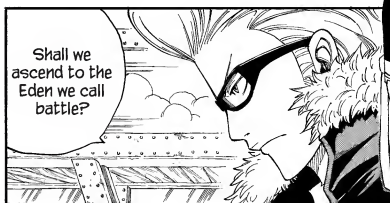






Bah.
It's only
natural.
Even I can
see this is
war.

Urtear-san,
when did
you get so
into this?



Shall we
ascend to the
Eden we call
battle?

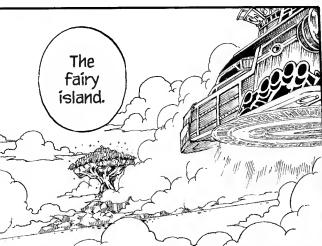


Look!!

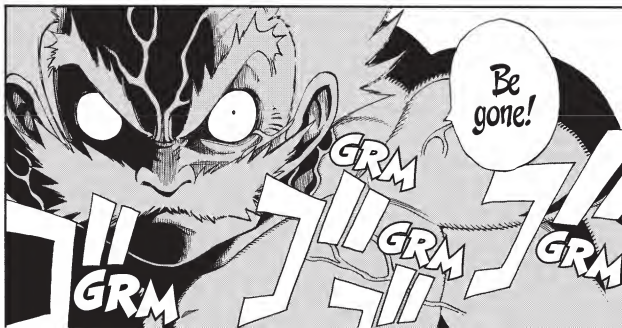
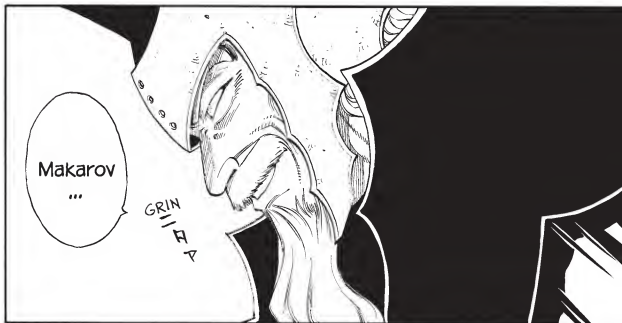
Urtear!

I...
I-I-I...
I... I
think...









FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Forty-eight years ago.

The year: X736.



You'll make this a good guild. I'm sure of it.

You can love and believe in your fellow members.

I'm forty years old! Stop calling me "brat!"

You can do it, brat.

No, not me! Not my style!





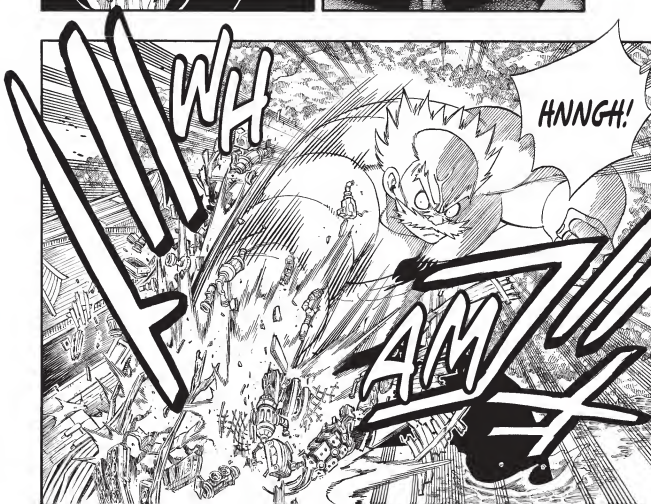
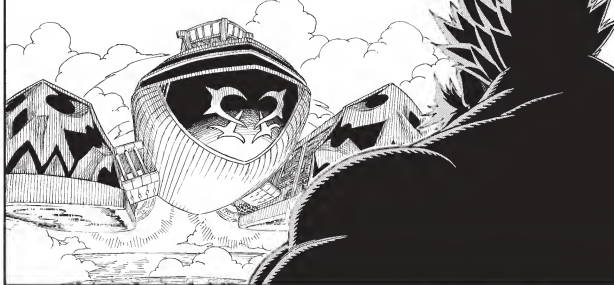
**You will
inherit that
spirit...**

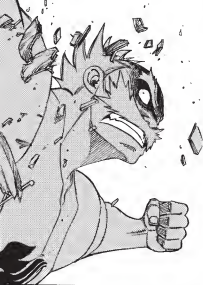
**...and I
will entrust
Fairy Tail
to you.**

**I received
my position
as master
from Mavis**

...

**...and
you will
become the
third master,
receiving it
from me...**





What's going on?!

He broke our re-inforced armor so easily?!

Explosion on the star-board side!!

W-Weh...

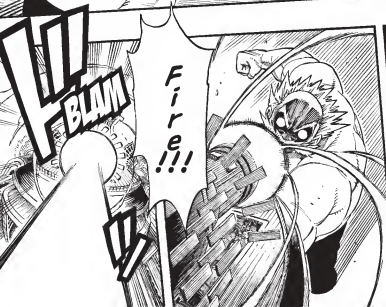
GRANK 07
Gwoh!



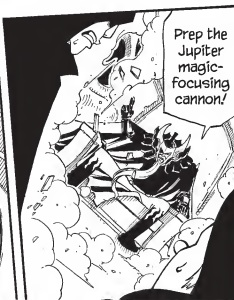
GWOON

Increase speed!!

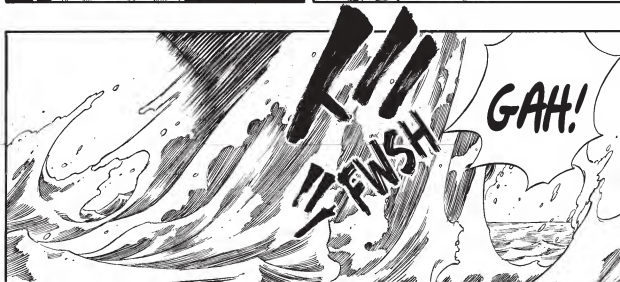
FWOOOH

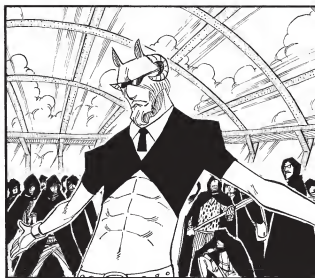


Fire!!!



Prep the Jupiter magic-focusing cannon!

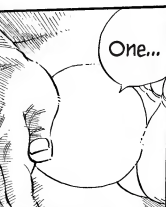






According to the Fairy Tail rules...

...I'm supposed to give you the count of three.



One...



A spell that hits anyone the caster considers an enemy.

Ultra magic.



Two...

Fairy Law, is it?

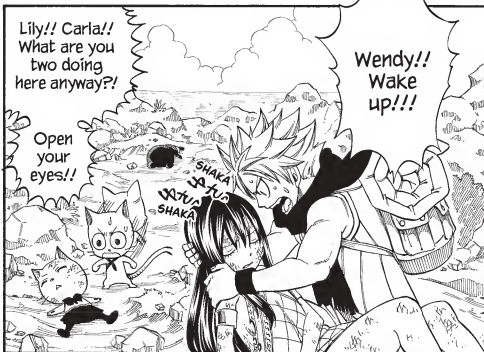


**Dammit!!
Who took
them
out?!**



**Lily!! Carla!!
What are you
two doing
here anyway?!**

**Open
your
eyes!!**



**Wendy!!
Wake
up!!!**

*The
memory-
altering
spell's been
broken...?*



Urg...



**Was it
you?
Hey!!
You jerk!**



OH
NOOO
!!!!

... YOU
MEAN... WE'RE
FIGHTING THE
COUNCIL?!!!

Totally
wrong.

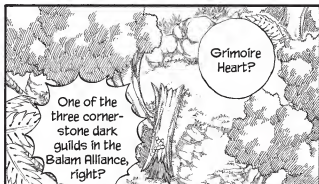
What
a nice
coat you
have...

Natsu-san,
he works
for the
Council...

**MAGIC
EXPLANATION**

**MEMORY
MANIPULATION**

Magic that can add your
existence to the memories
of someone else. However,
like charm magic, the
moment one becomes
aware that magic has been
cast on them, the
magic vanishes.



Grimoire
Heart?

One of the
three corner-
stone dark
guilds in the
Balam Alliance,
right?



The
enemy is
Grimoire
Heart.

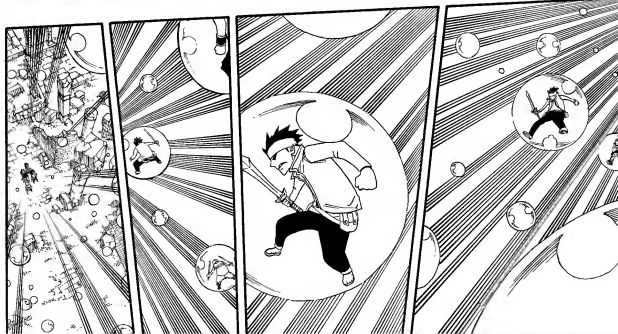
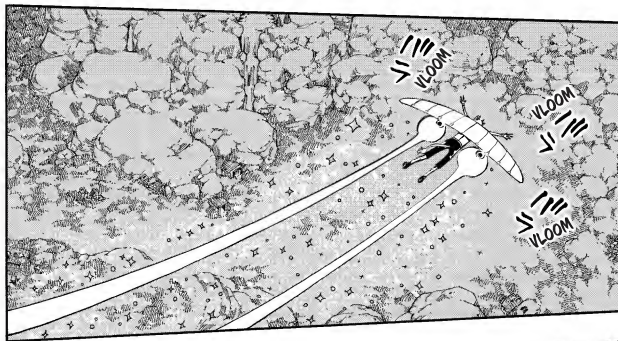
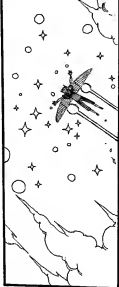
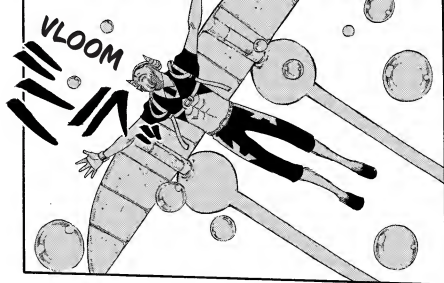
A
dark
guild.



!



What is
that?







Those
are all
people
?!!!



These are
not good
odds.

And
they're
still falling
from the
sky...



A man will
never allow
an invader
to pass!!

Such
a pain...
and I mean
both of
you!



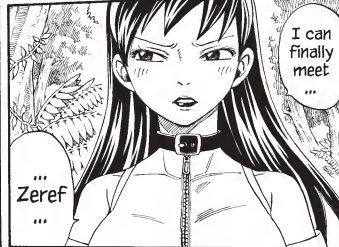
Uhh
...

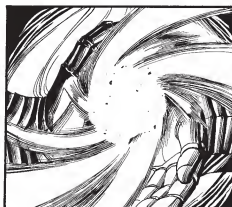
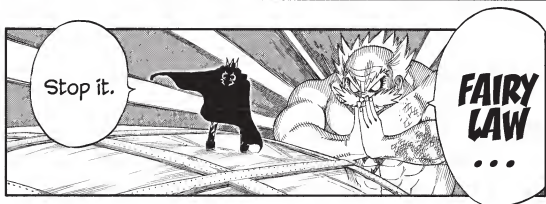
They're
here
already
...



Right!

Mira...

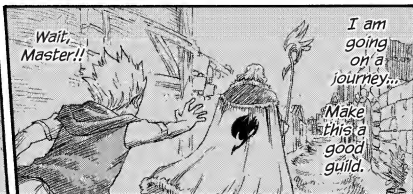


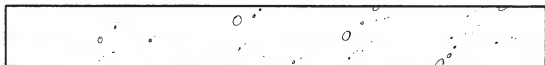




**GRIMOIRE
LAW!**

WSH



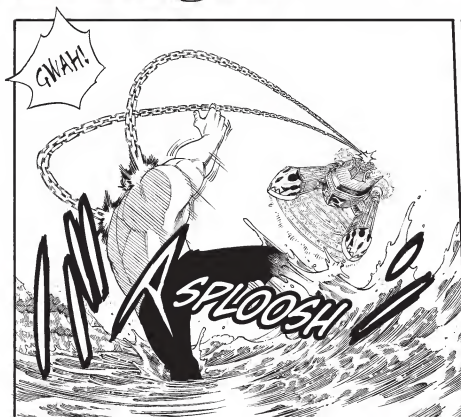
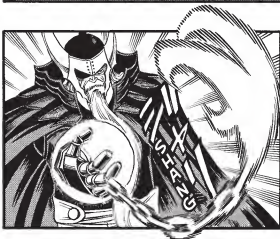
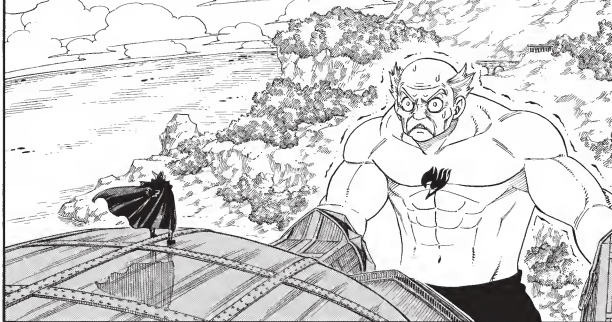


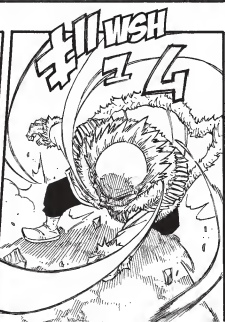
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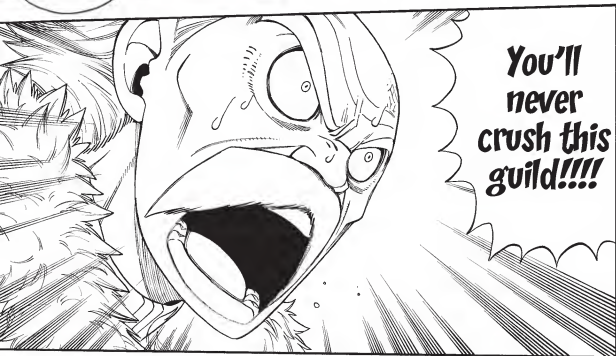
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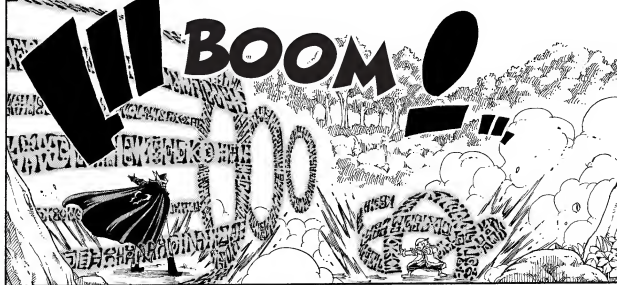












You
cannot
beat me.



In a
few
seconds
?!!

He
formed
Amaterasu
Form
28?!!









AMA-
TERASU,
FORM
100!

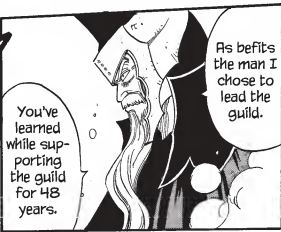
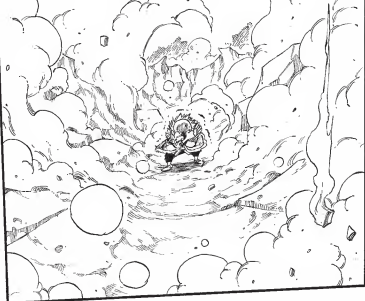


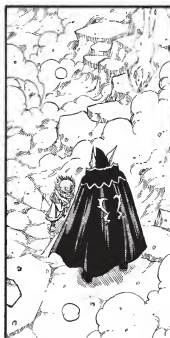
THE
THREE
DIVINE
PILLARS
...

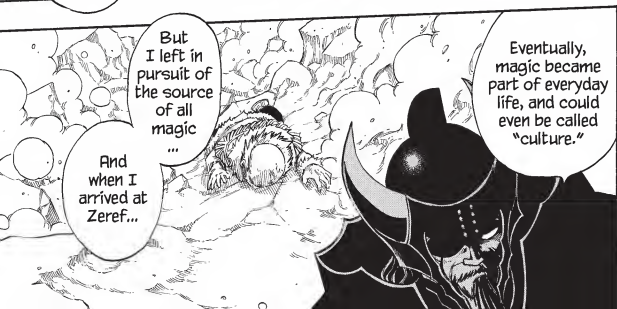
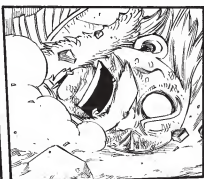
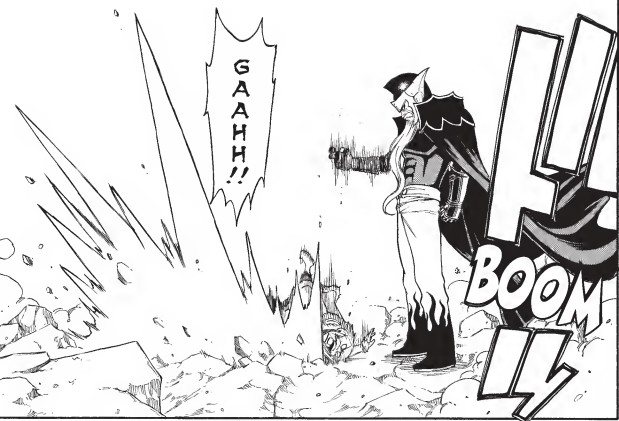
THE
GREATEST
OF THE
MAGIC
FORMS...

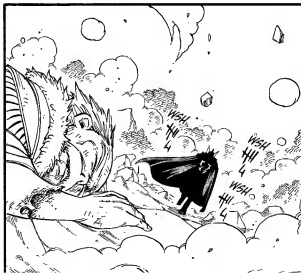
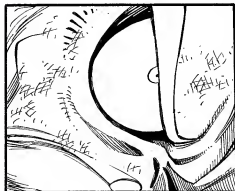
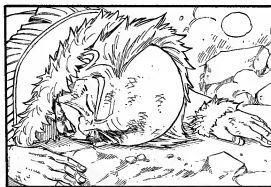
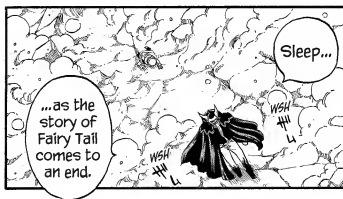


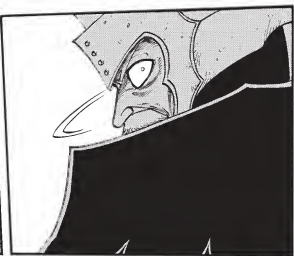
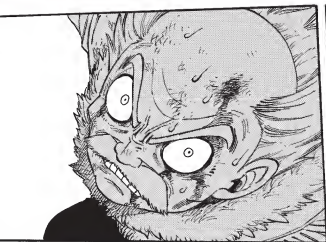
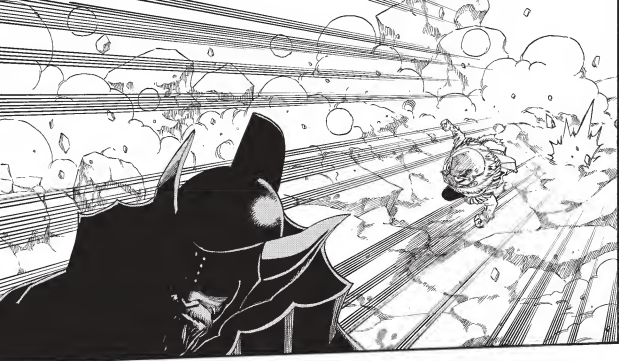


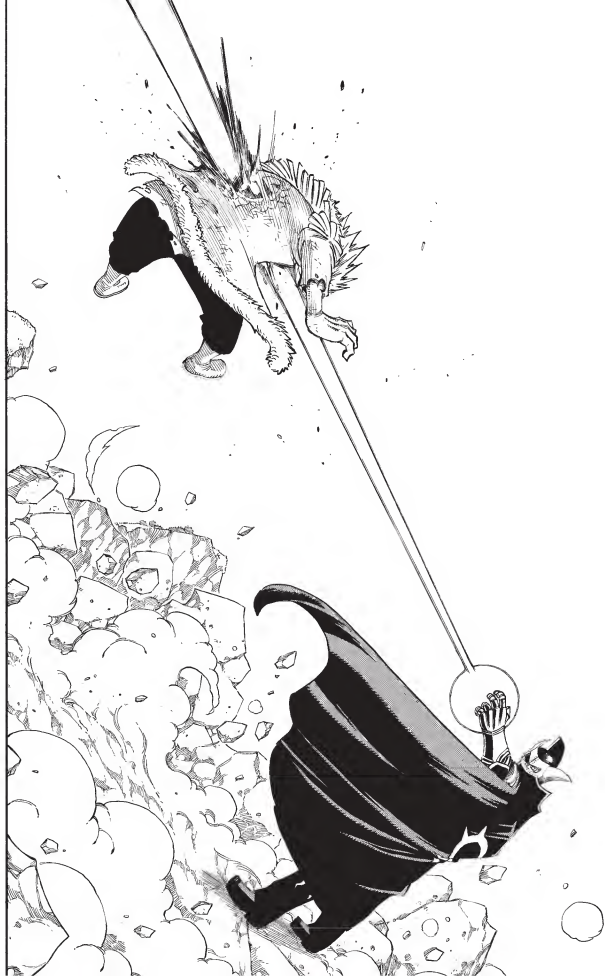


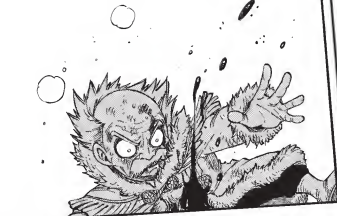






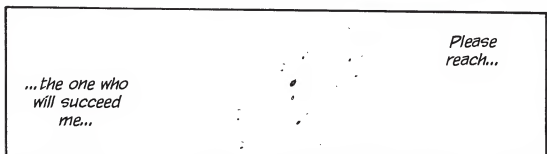






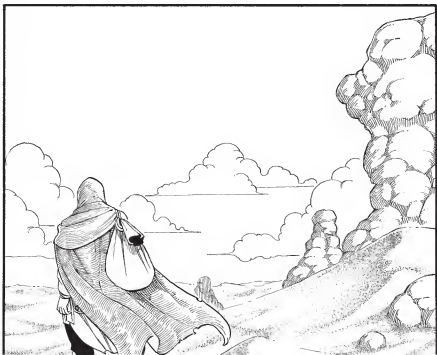
*It
can't...*

*...end
yet...*



*...the one who
will succeed
me...*

*Please
reach...*





What
is...

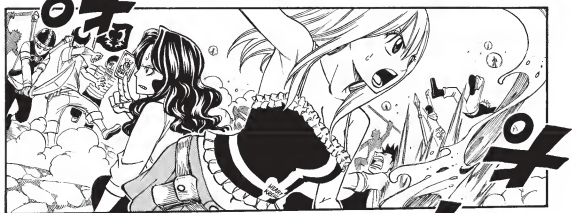
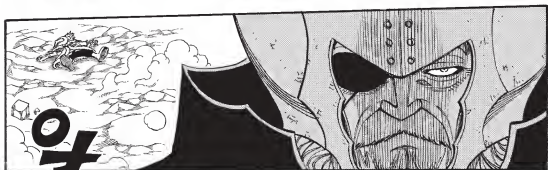
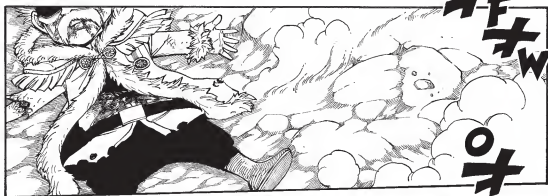
...this
unsettling
feeling?

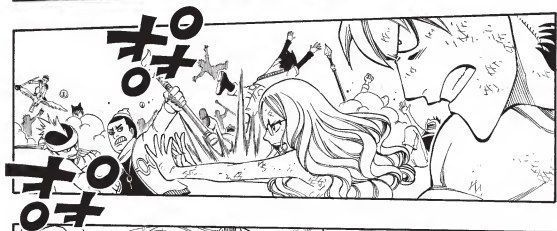
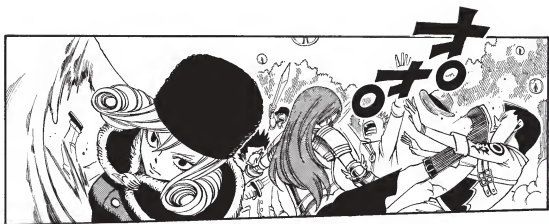
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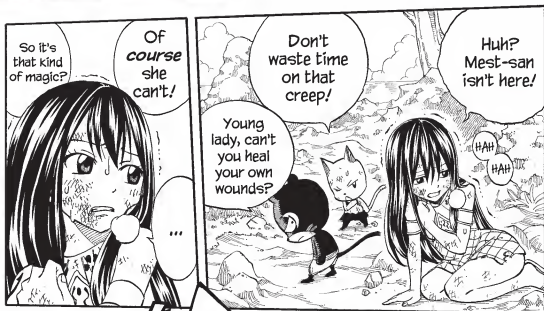
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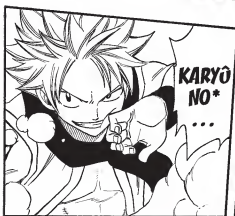
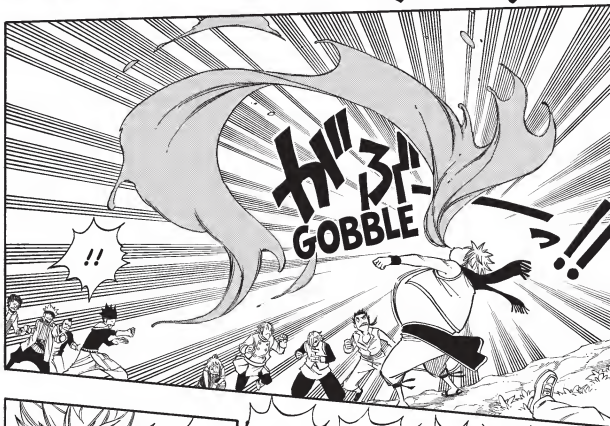
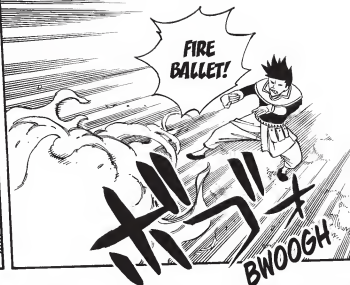












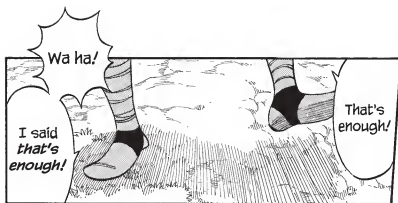
*Fire Dragon's...

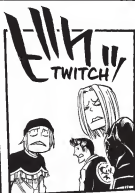
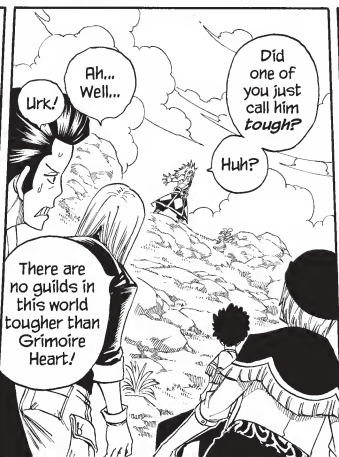
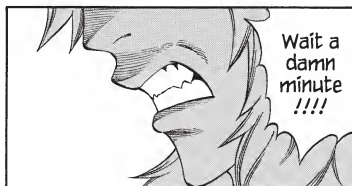
WHOOOM

**YOKU-
GEKI*
!!!!**



*Wing Attacks







**And
Grimoire
Heart
doesn't
need
weaklings
!!!!**

**Wa ha
ha ha ha
ha ha ha
ha ha!!!!**

GWAAH!

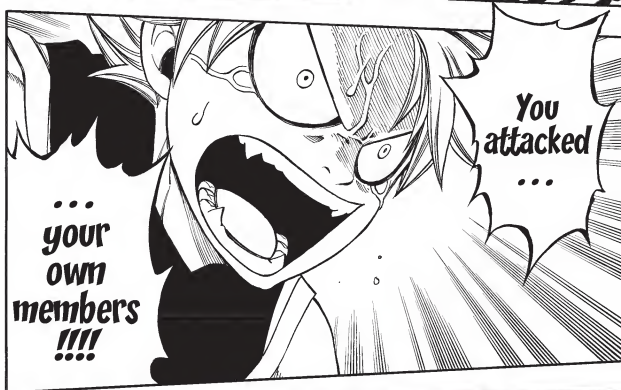
BOOOFF



Who is that
guy...



Black
fire
...?!!
...!!



...
your
own
members
!!!!

You
attacked
...



Wa
haaaah
!!!!



I have
a bad
feeling
about
that
fire!!





There's a fire that is on a higher order than dragon fire! And if you try to eat the fire of the gods, you'll be punished!

Wee hee hee...

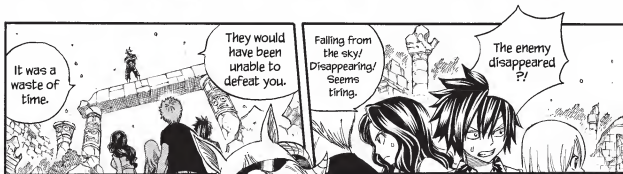


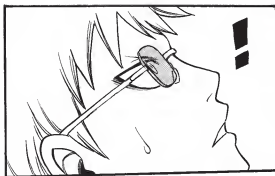
Flames that even a fire dragon slayer can't eat?!

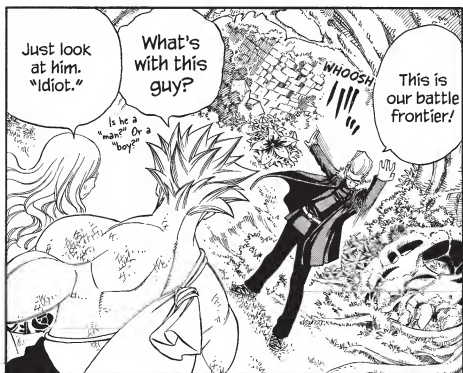
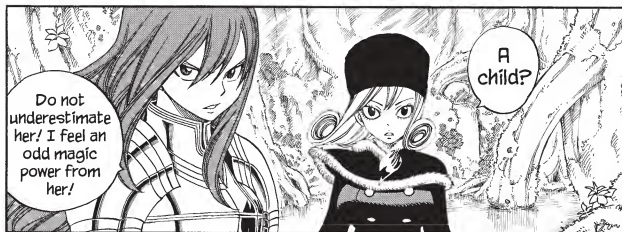
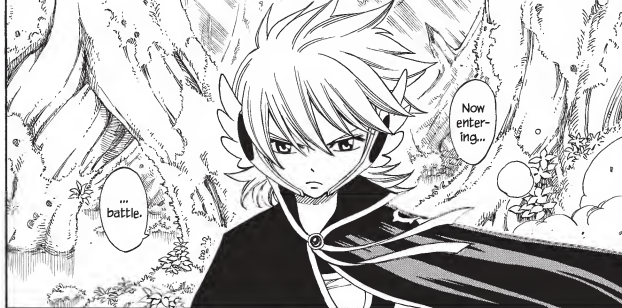


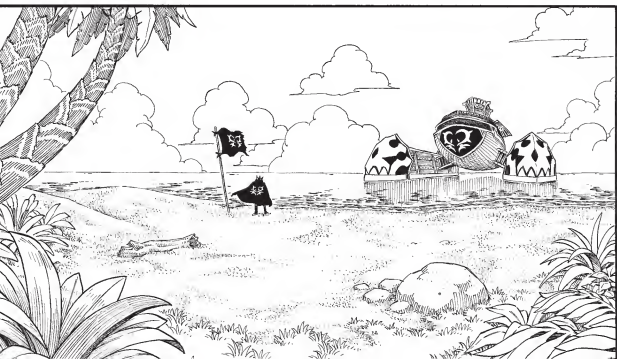
Natsu!!!













Makarov's
whelps have
no chance
against the
Seven Kin.

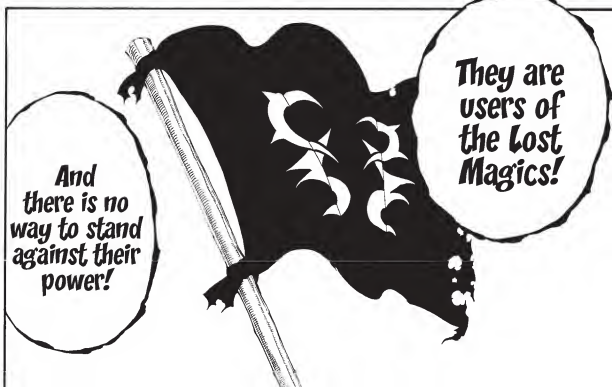


Their magic
is the closest
possible to
the source of
magic!



...into
great
wizards!

I have
taken
years
to raise
them...



**And
there is no
way to stand
against their
power!**

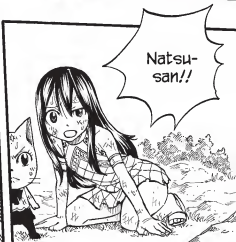
**They are
users of
the Lost
Magics!**

FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 218: Fire Dragon vs. Flame God









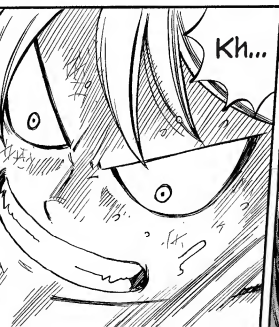
...
**KĀGU-
TSUCHI****
!!!!

**Fire Godling!



KOOM!
**...
KŌEN***
!!!!

*Grooming Flame!



Kh...



Wee
hee
hee
hee!



ROO H ...



So this is a
clash between
dragon fire and
god fire?



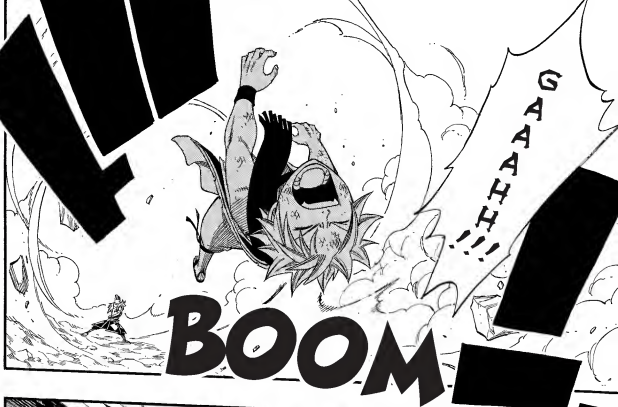
This
heat is
unbeliev-
able!!

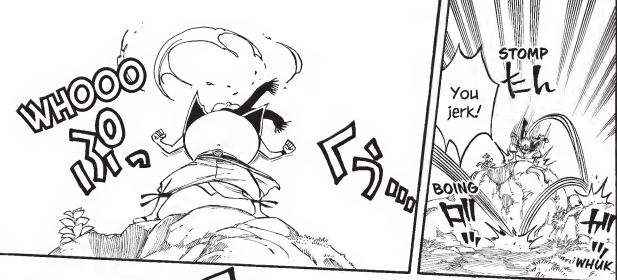


What
incredible
power!!

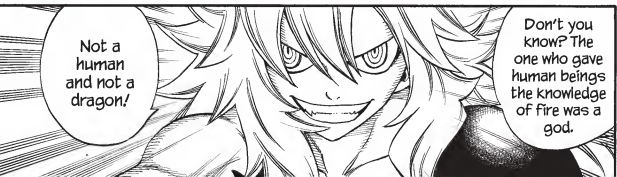


Whoa
!!





*Fire Dragon's Roar!



Not a
human
and not a
dragon!

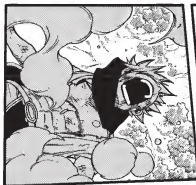
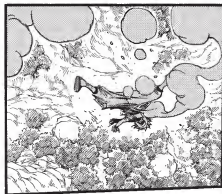
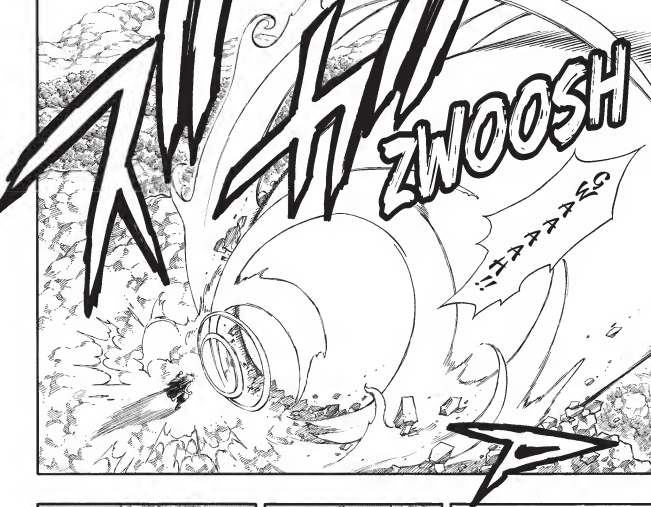
Don't you
know? The
one who gave
human beings
the knowledge
of fire was a
god.



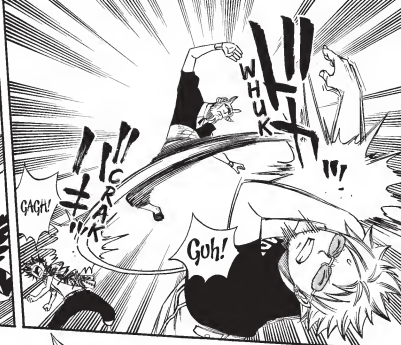


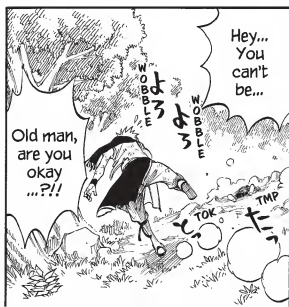
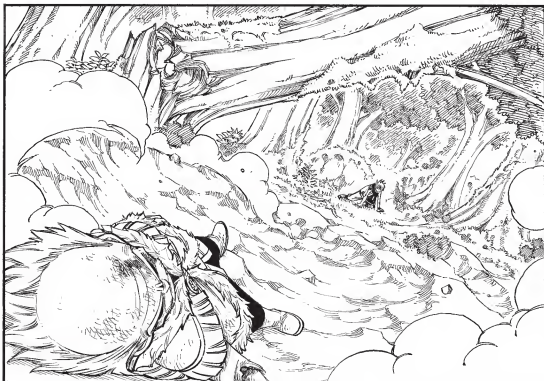
*Fire God's Howl!

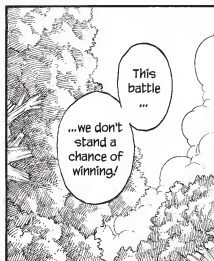




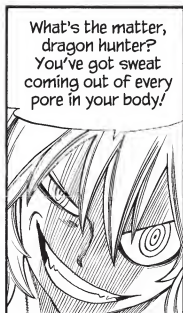














"It's about
knowing
your own
weaknesses."

"Fear is
not an
evil."



Natsu...



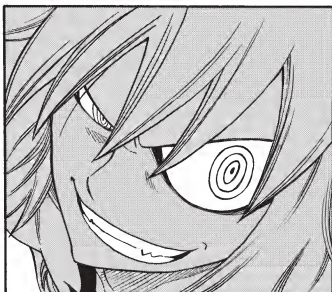
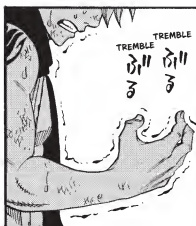
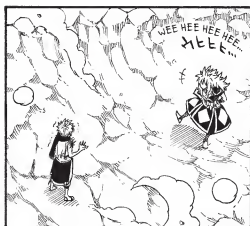
...fear
...?!!

This
is...



When
standing
before
ultimate
power, man
can only
stop and
shiver!!!!

Wa ha ha
ha ha!!!!
That's
right!!!!
What you're
feeling is
fear!!!!

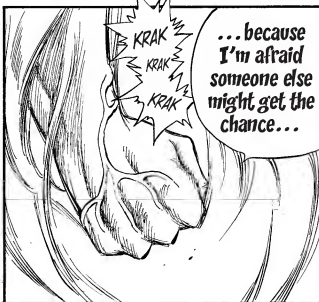




I'm
trembling
...



...to
eliminate
whoever did
that to the
master!



...because
I'm afraid
someone else
might get the
chance...

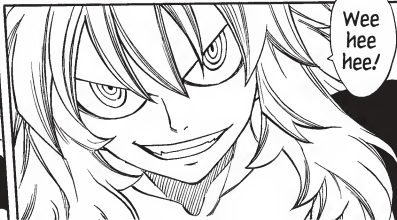
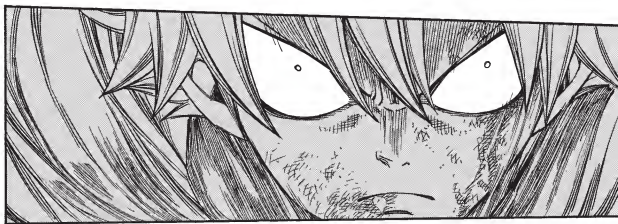
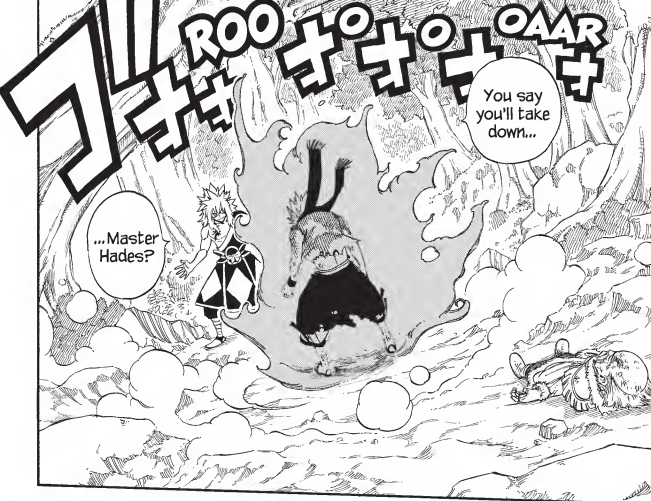


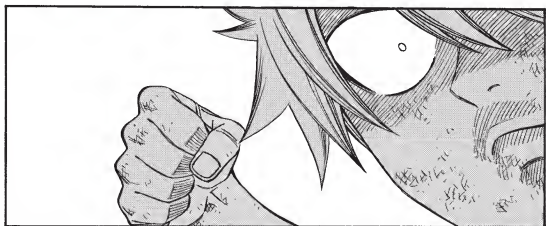
**I'll take
down
Master
Hades with
my own
hands!!!!**

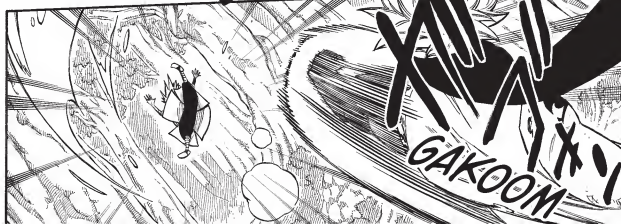
**I won't
let you
bastards
get away
with this
!!!!**



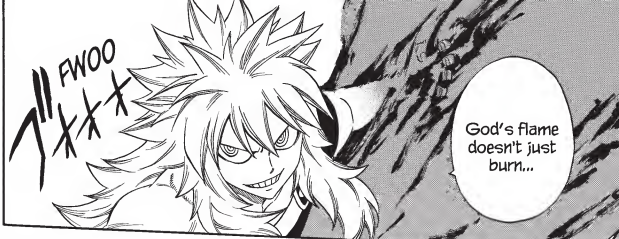
**Chapter 219: The Dragon God's
Gleaming Flame**









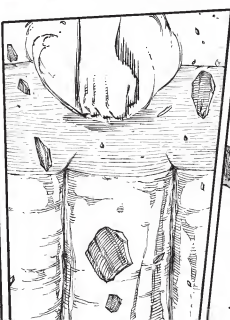
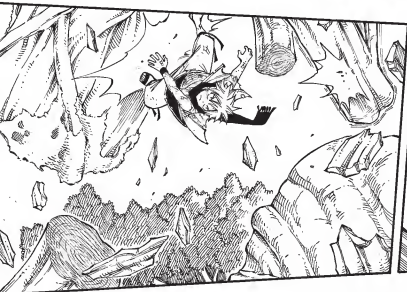


FWOO

God's flame
doesn't just
burn...



It's
a halberd
of righteous
flame that
destroys
everything
!!!!



**N
W
A
H
!!!!**

FGAH!!

M!!





ENJIN NO
BANSAN*
!!!!

BOOF

*Fire God's Meal!!!!

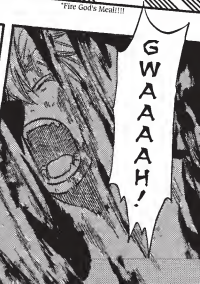


Natsu
...



Once you're
engulfed
in these
flames, it's
over...

You
won't
get out
until
you're
ashes!



G
W
A
A
A
A
H!



GAH



Impossible!

A dragon's power isn't enough to eat divine flame!



You mean this...?

I'll eat it myself!



GGGT
下...

Didn't I just say...



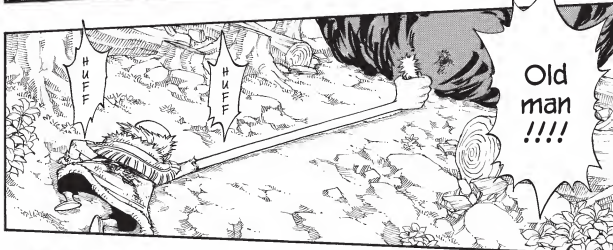
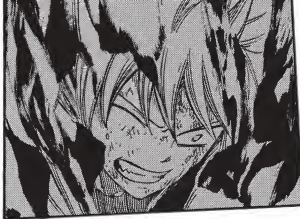
GAHAHHHH!!!!



!!

GANCH

L

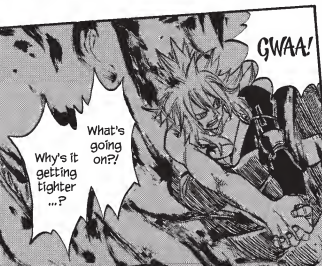
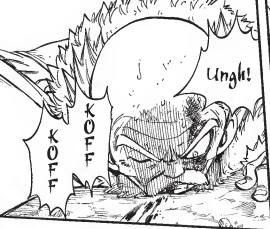


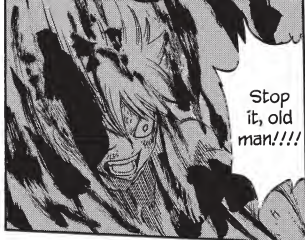
Old
man
!!!!



I'm going
to crush
you until
nobody will
recognize
what's
left!!!!

I won't let
you hurt my
kids right
in front of
my eyes
anymore
!!!!





Stop
it, old
man!!!!

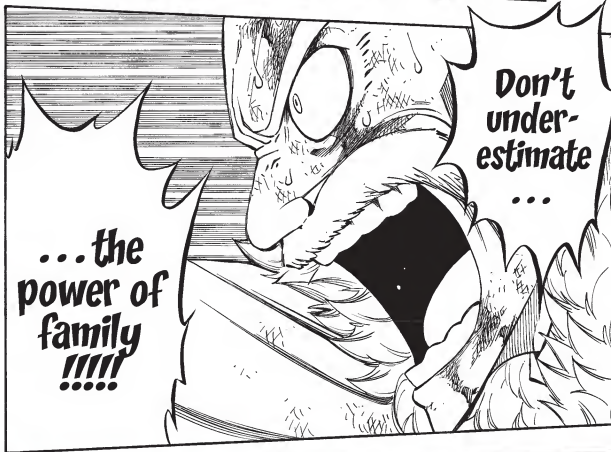


Stupid
old...

G
N
G



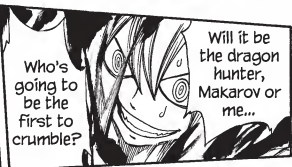
You
think
I'd let
go...?



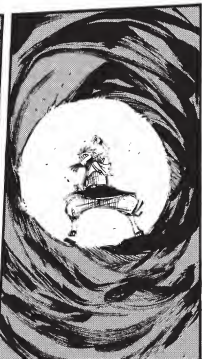
Don't
under-
estimate
...

...the
power of
family
!!!!!!





Will it be
the dragon
hunter,
Makarov or
me...





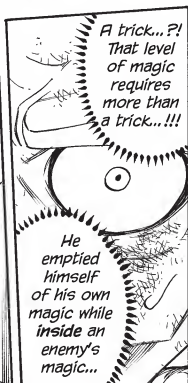
Wa hahh/
It was the
dragon
hunter who
fell first!!!!

Natsu's
magic
power
vanished
... ?!



I-
Impos-
sible
...







**RYŪJIN
NO
KŌEN*
!!!!**



We are
all going
home
together!

*Dragon God's Gleaming Flame!!!

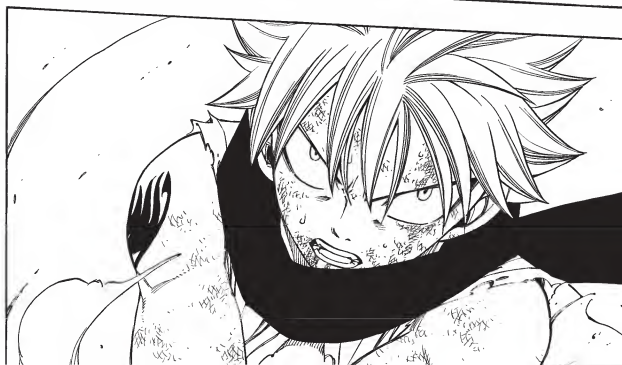


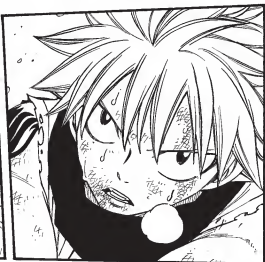
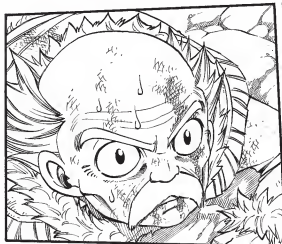
Back
to Fairy
Tail...

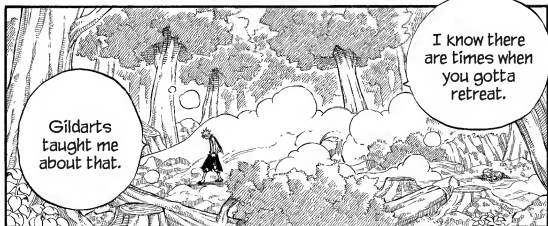


Join
together
!!!!

Flame of
dragons
and gods
!!!!







Gildarts taught me about that.

I know there are times when you gotta retreat.



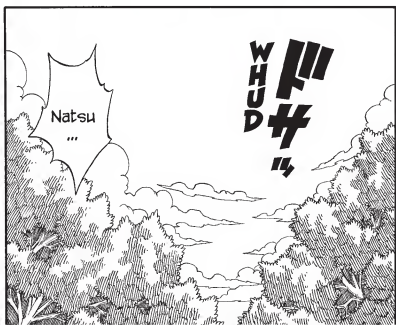
But this ain't one of those times!

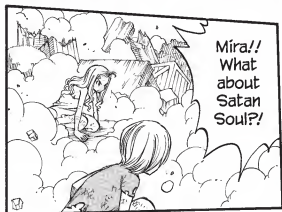


...and teach them a lesson!



We gotta take those guys beatin' up on Fairy Tail...





Mira!!
What
about
Satan
Soul?!

I just can't seem
to work up to full
power fighting
kids and girls.



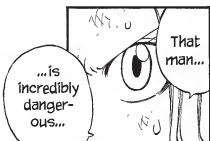
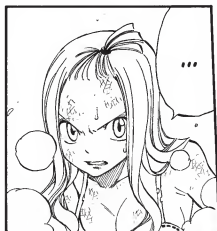
I can't
just use
that magic
over and
over!

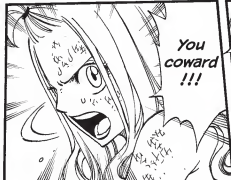
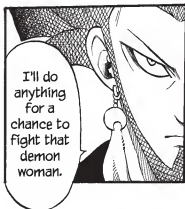
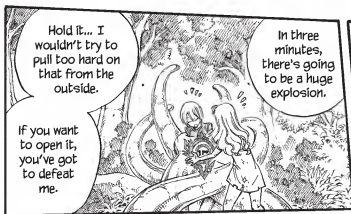


Waaah
!



Ack
!!

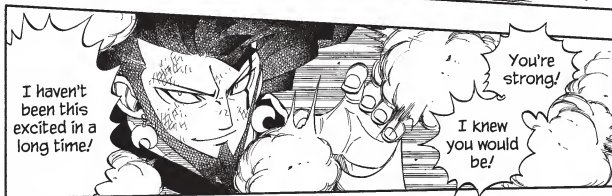






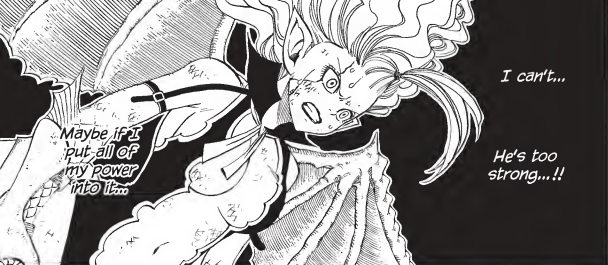


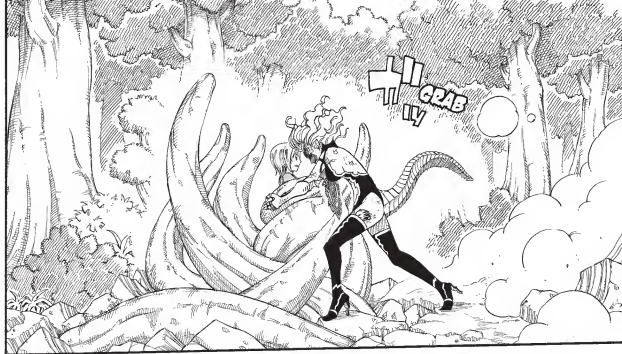








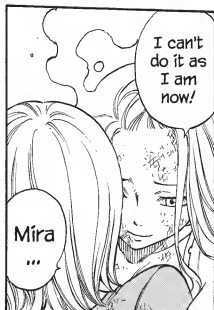




Come on!
There isn't
any time
left!!! Just
give me
a serious
fight!



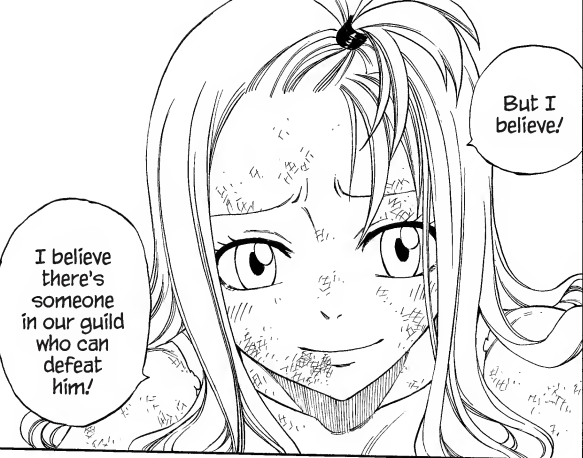
You can
only stop
it by
beating
me!



Mira
...



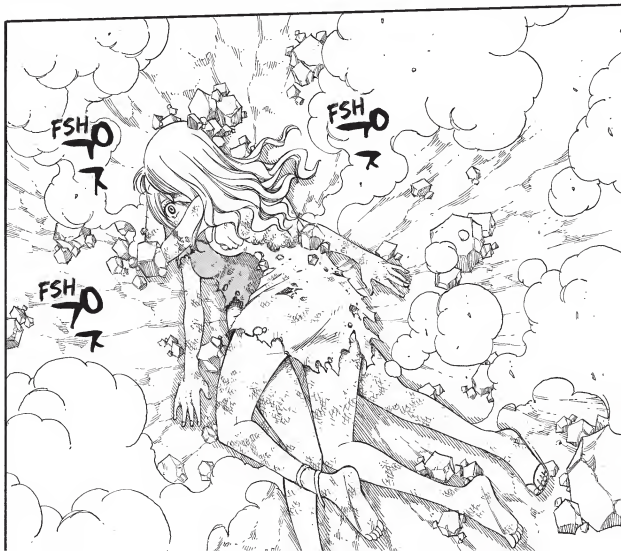
What?

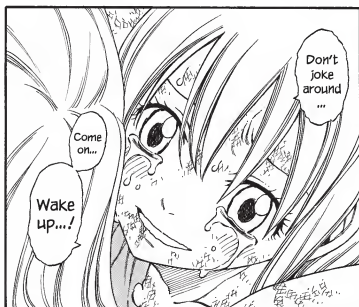


*M
i
r
a
!!!!*

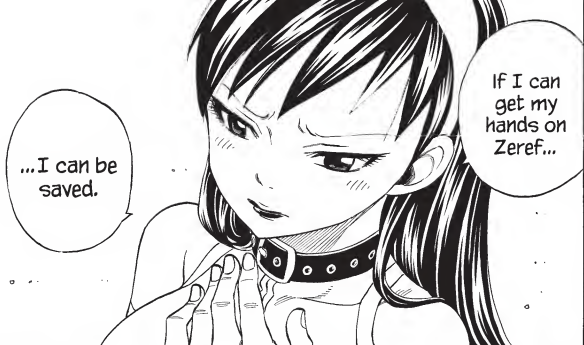
!!* BOOOOM!!

I will not
lose you
a second
time!











...to
make
...

... me
angry...

ROAR

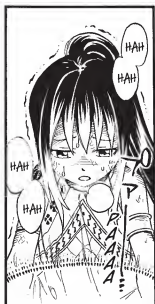
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FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 221: The Great Magic World



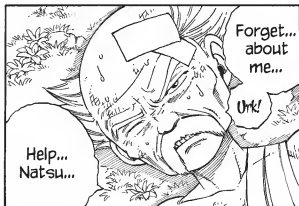


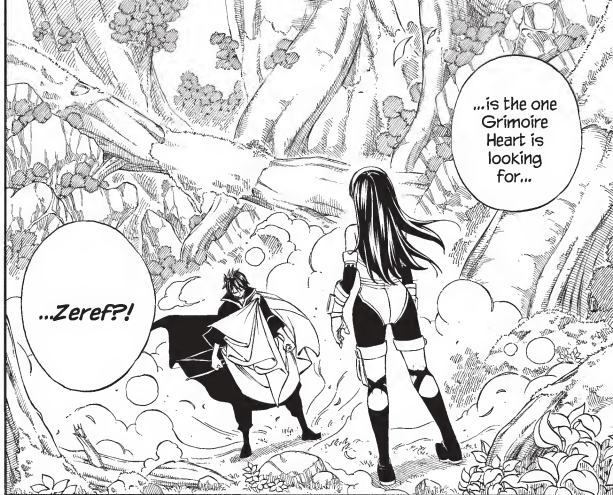
It looks like the master's wounds are too deep. I don't think that even Sky Magic can help with these...



I don't understand why it wouldn't work on Natsu. Probably something is interfering with the healing.







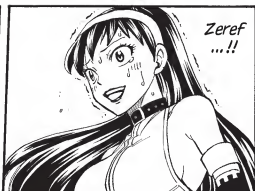
...is the one
Grimoire
Heart is
looking
for...

...Zeref?!



But
now,
Zeref
is...

I've been
searching
for so
long...



Zeref
...!!





He doesn't
want to see
any more war
or death?



Stop your
attack on
this island
and leave
now!



Is this
Zeref? Is
this what
they meant
by him being
asleep?

He is
conscious...
but he is not
self-aware...



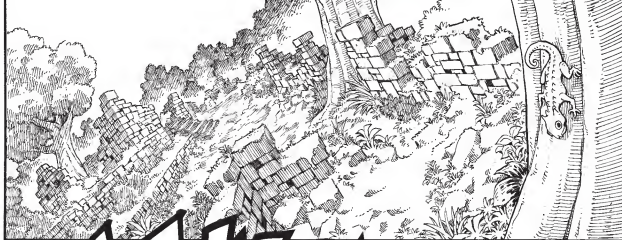
SHIVER

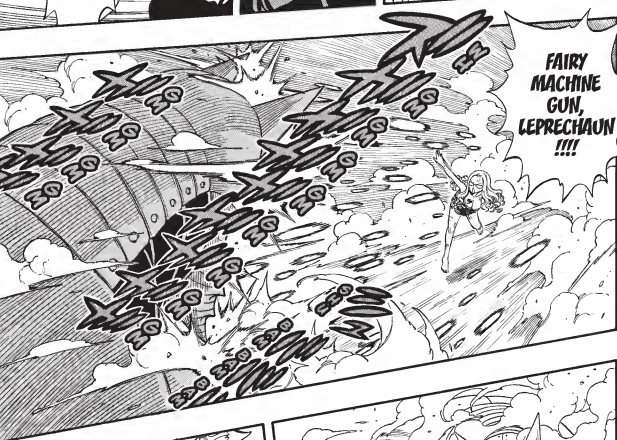


Now I...

...am
angry!











I've seen through the truth behind his magic!!!

He's got some kind of summoning magic like Lucy!!!!



Ever-green!

You stop that thing !!!



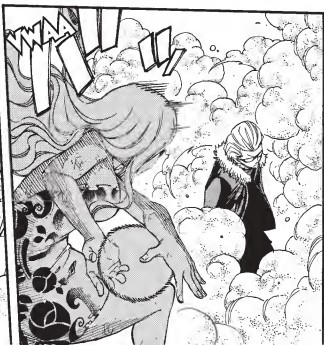
The wizards themselves are weaklings !!!!

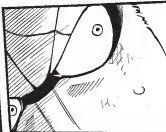
Ah-choo!

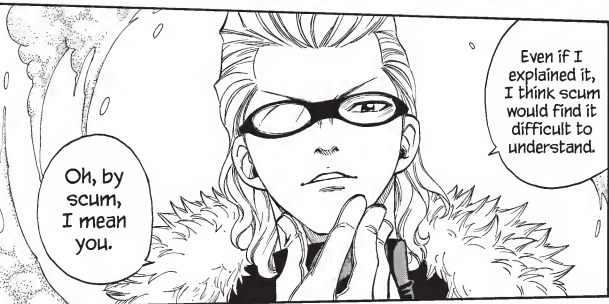
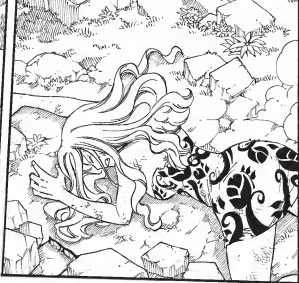
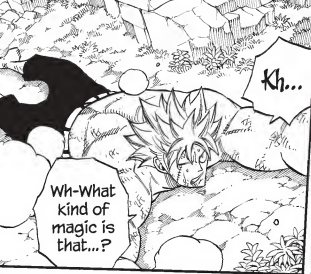
But people who use summoning magic have one clear weakness !!!!

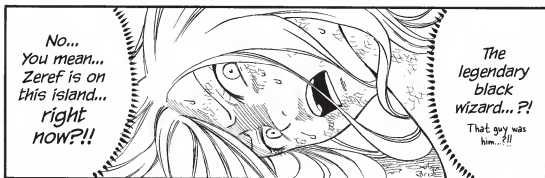


I am the lord of the underworld, and my arm is the Jet-Black Blade that cuts all asunder!











**The Great
Magic
World!!**

**The
primal world
of magic, ruled
by chaos and
darkness!!**



No...

Even
those
who do
will find
them-
selves in
hell.

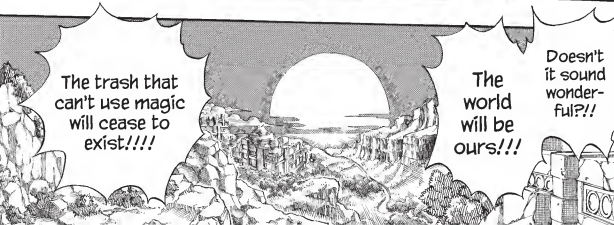
Those
without
magic
will not
survive.

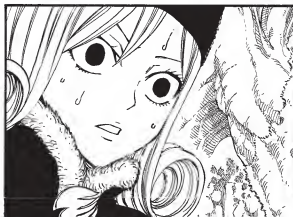
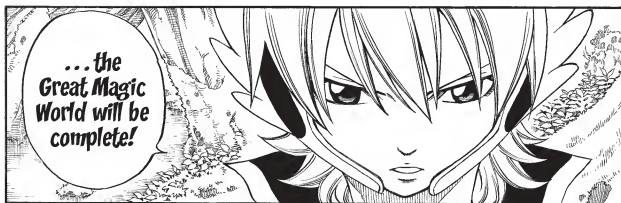
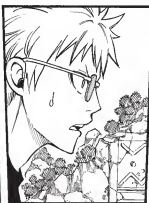
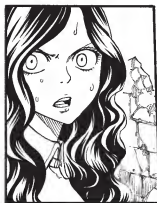


The trash that
can't use magic
will cease to
exist!!!!

The
world
will be
ours!!!

Doesn't
it sound
wonder-
ful?!!







**I have
waited
for this
time!!!!**

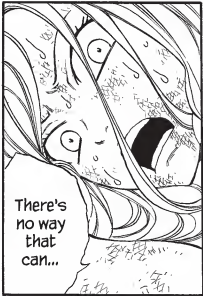
**We'll
wipe out
everyone who
is without
magic!!!!**

**It will
become a
utopia for
wizards
only!!!!**

**I've
waited
for so
long!!!!**



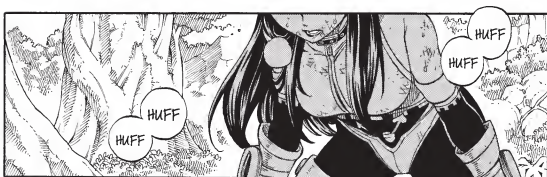
**...ever
happen
!!!!**



**There's
no way
that
can...**



**Th-
That's
just
stupid...**





*Don't
ever
under-
estimate
the
leader
of the
Seven
Kin!!*



No...
Don't...



It's
all right,
Lord Zeref.

We hold
the key
to your
awaken-
ing!



Kah...

KOFF!

Heh
heh
heh...

I have
him...

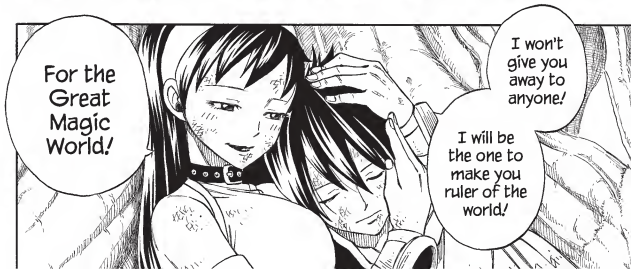
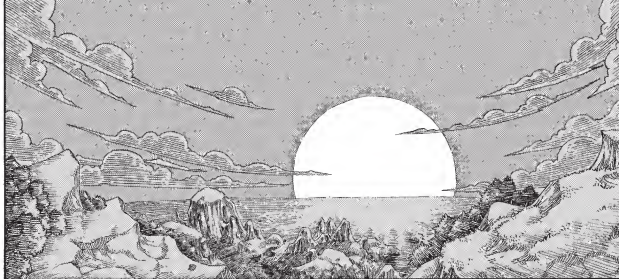
***I
have
Zeref
right
here
in my
hands
!!!!***

FAIRYTAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 222: Arc of Incarnation

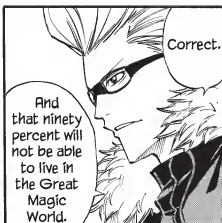




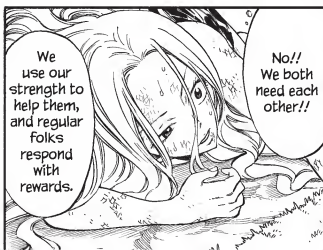




And you think people will let you do that?!



And that ninety percent will not be able to live in the Great Magic World.



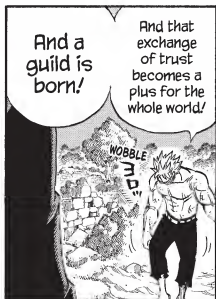
No!!
We both need each other!!



That's your ego talking. All you work for is the riches the powerless can bestow on you.



*Don't throw
mud at those
people who
struggle with
all their might
to make a
living!!!!*



And a
guild is
born!

And that
exchange
of trust
becomes a
plus for the
whole world!



Heh...



Don't
you go
laughing
at guilds
!!



...that it's
beyond your
capacity to
understand.

It's only
natural
...

So you
can't know
the true
fear of
Zeref...

You come
nowhere
close to the
depths of the
source of
magic.

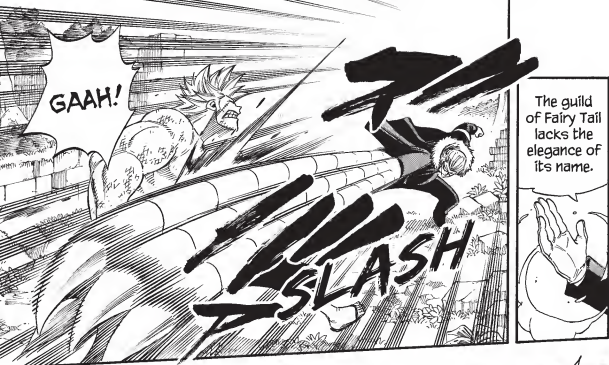
When
Zeref shows
his true
power...

...the best
you will
be able to
do... The
best! Will be
to prostrate
yourselves
before him!

Because
it's a giant
candle that
shines in any
darkness
!!!!

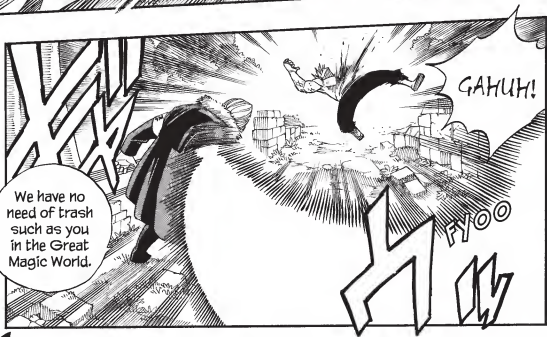
DM !!

Fairy Tail
won't bow
down to
anybody
!!!!



GAAH!

The guild of Fairy Tail lacks the elegance of its name.



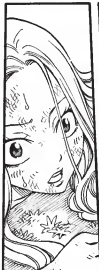
GAHUUH!

We have no need of trash such as you in the Great Magic World.

FYOO

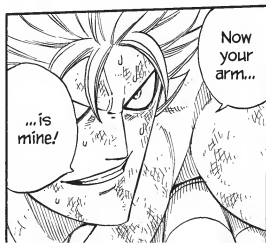
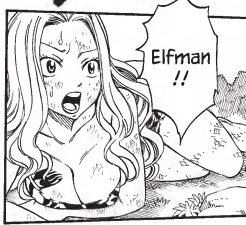
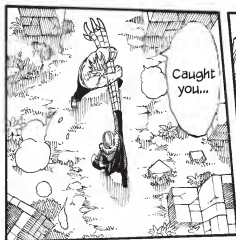


Really?



But I won't let you call my friends trash!!!! No *man* would allow that!!!!

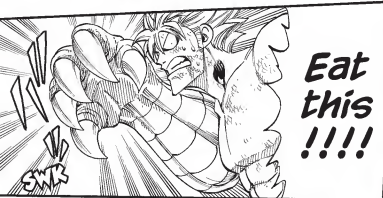
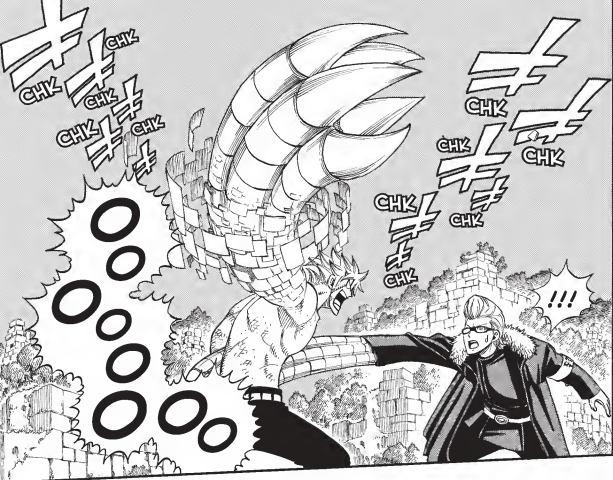
You can call *me* trash!!!!



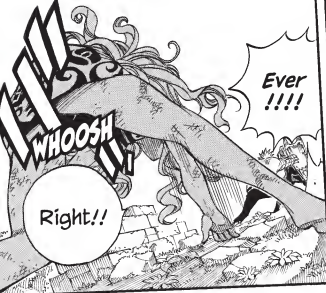
Now
your
arm...



A basic
principal of
takeover
magic is to
know your
enemy.







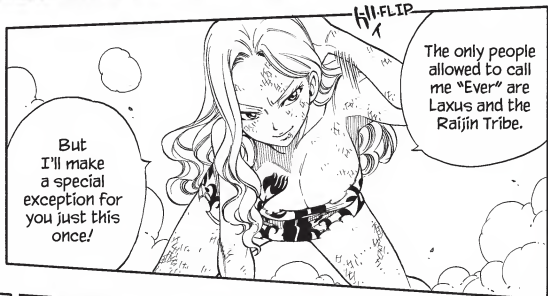
**Ever
!!!!**

Right!!



What I
was really
after
were your
glasses
!!!

KRAK



HI-FLIP

But
I'll make
a special
exception for
you just this
once!

The only people
allowed to call
me "Ever"
are Laxus and the
Raijin Tribe.



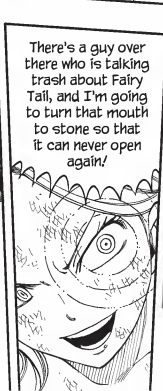
**AA
AA
AA
!!!**



**Stone
Eyes!!!!**



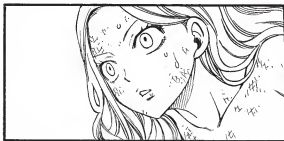
**Oh
nooooo
!!!!**

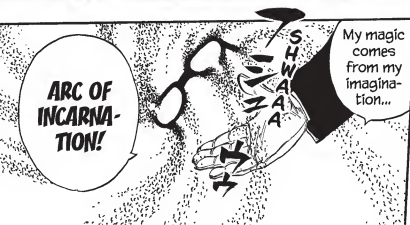


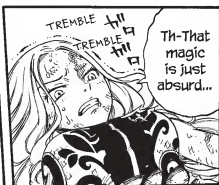
There's a guy over
there who is talking
trash about Fairy
Tail, and I'm going
to turn that mouth
to stone so that
it can never open
again!



Wha-?!









Come into
being!!!
Tower of
Dingir!!!

Foolish
fairies!!!
You will now
witness all
possible
sorrows, and
return to
dust!!!!

ya a ah!!

G A O H!



I'm so sorry...



Ever!!!
Hang in there!!!

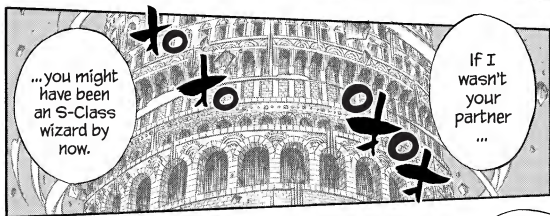


Elf...
man...



What is this...?!!

I can't
move!!



...you might
have been
an S-Class
wizard by
now.

If I
wasn't
your
partner
...

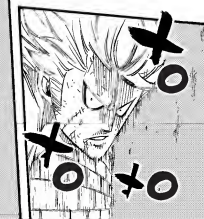


You
dummy...
If it hadn't
been for
you...

...we'd
never have
made it
this far.

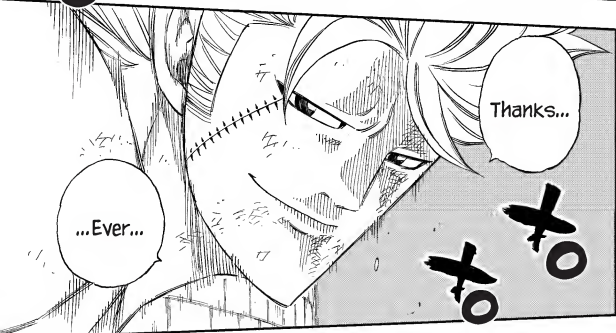


And you
probably
wouldn't have
been defeated
by this jerk...





Elfman...



Thanks...

...Ever...



Now
fall...

...to the
space
beyond the
darkness
!!







That
weird
guy on
Galuna
Island!



Natsu
!!

Natsu-
san!!

And he's
close!!!!

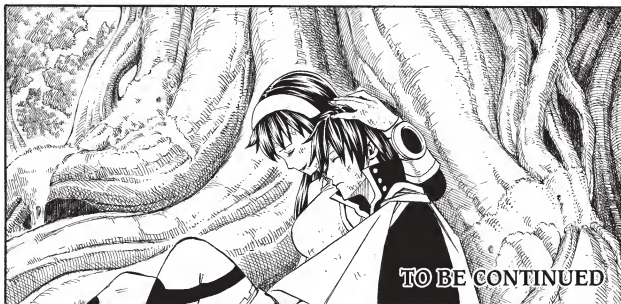


It is one
variety of
the Lost
Magic!

Its enormous
power and
terrible side
effects ensured
that this magic
was lost to
history!

I got a
good
nose.

By the way,
you stink
of women's
perfume.



TO BE CONTINUED

Afterword



Thank you for picking up Volume 26!! I'm going to put in a little advertisement again. There are two editions of Volume 27 too!* A normal edition and a special edition! In the special edition, the DVD is based on the idea, "What if the members of Fairy Tail were high-school students?" It tells the story of that alternate world. For those who read the original manga story, you'll see how they added a lot of the scenes to it! You'll want to check it out!

Now, about the story this time... Wow! Pretty astonishing, huh? Hades was the previous master of Fairy Tail!! What'll we do?! Even I don't know how this incredible plot twist will play itself out! (Cries.) And it seems that ever since the last volume went on sale, Zeref has really become a popular character. Yeah, but he's the enemy! He's really dark! He'd never make a silly face.

I also hear that Merudy is extremely popular. Hm... As the author, I was trying to push Kain Hikaru, but I checked with a friend who knows grade school students, and they say, "He isn't cool, so we don't like him." Hm. As this series started, the regular member that's had the biggest rise in popularity is Levy. They say they want to see her have a bigger role. So, hey! This series looks like it's going to be a long one, huh?

Everyone, please come along with me for the ride, okay?!

*The special edition is available in Japan only.



In Magnolia East Gate Park...



: Long time no see...!!



: But it was just a one-volume break.

Lucy: It seems like in the main story, you're in a tough spot, Mira-san!

Mira: Think so? But there are so many guild members taking part, it's so much fun! ♥



: Yeah...but...um... Mira-san, you're in bad shape...

Mira: It's time to look at our questions!

In Volume 23, you said that Natsu's house makes an appearance in Volume 24, but it didn't, did it?

Lucy: Huh...? Was it an easy thing to miss?

Mira: Maybe...
A **huge amount**
of post cards came asking this question.



: Ta-dah! From Vol. 24, p. 120!!



Mira: See? There it is!

Lucy: If you're wondering what the inside looks like, it can be found in a Fairy Tail short story!!

Mira: So be sure to read that short story if you ever get the chance!

Lucy: Next question...!!



: Maybe it's bedhead?

Lucy: Hm... You don't think it could be a lightning mark as a member of the Raijin Tribe, could it?

Continued on the optional page.

Continued from the WY-hand page.



: !!!!



: What's the admiring look for, Mira-san?

Mira: Continuing on.

How much does Lucy weigh?



: I'm not saying!!

Mira: You don't have to worry about your weight! You've got good style!



: That isn't the problem... It isn't about being light or heavy! It's just embarrassing to have to say your weight, and...

Mira: 47 kg? (104 lbs)



: Aaaaaaaa!!!



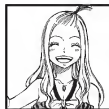
: 0.05 tons?



: Don't go putting it in tons!!

Mira: And the final question for this time.

I think the reason Edolas Mira's personality was the same as normal is because she has two personalities. Normal sweet Mira and scary Mira (Satan Soul).



Lucy: That's less a question and more one possible explanation, huh?



Mira: Interesting.

Lucy: I can feel a certain love for you in the question from this reader, Mira-san!



: Thank you, Y.N. -san! ♥

Lucy: There are all sorts of explanations possible for the things that happened in Edolas.

Mira: That's true. For example, one explanation for why Lisanna was sucked into Edolas was because the Lisanna in Edolas had died, leaving a void, and the world pulled in what it needed to fill the void.

Lucy: There are all sorts of explanations possible for the things that happened in Edolas.

Mira: Actually, the anime may have an explanation for that.



: Wha?! If the anime goes explaining things, what'll we do here in this column?!



: Don't you worry! There's still a mountain of postcards that say,

"This story makes no sense,"
out there.



: I don't know if I should be happy or sad about that.

Mira: Now I'm really interested in finding out what happens next in the main story!!

Lucy: (Or I should say, "Mira-san, I hope you survive this!")

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The Fairy Tail Guild is looking for illustrations! Please send in your art on a postcard or at postcard size, and do it in black pen, okay? Those chosen to be published will get a signed mini poster! ♪ Make sure you write your real name and address on the back of your illustration!

Kanagawa Prefecture, Natsuki Matsuzaki



▲ She drew the girls of Fairy Tail for us!

Hiroshima Prefecture, Utsi Pink



▲ This is really good! The balance between white and black is excellent!

Hiroshima Prefecture, Mai



▲ That's good!! It's too good!! Become my assistant!

Ibaraki Prefecture, Kunita Yamamoto



▲ There was a lot of art with Zeref on it! But what is his true power?!

Aichi Prefecture, Nazoribon-san



▲ Finally Ultear joins in the battle. But just how strong is she?

Hokkaido, Nanao 193



▲ This guy is really hard to draw! You've got strength.

Gifu Prefecture, Yuki Takai



▲ So... somehow... you know? We really need a character like this, right?

Saitama Prefecture, Mas-ochi



▲ There were a lot of illustrations of Meredy!! Thank you!!

Myagi Prefecture, Siega's Tool Box



▲ The background of this image really caught my eye! Very well done!!



▲ Aye! Thanks!! Filled the frame! Filled with dreams!

Aomori Prefecture, Ryu Seigun



▲ Gray will have his time to shine in this series too, okay?



▲ He's a ghost. Cute, right?

Gifu Prefecture, Chisato Mihai



▲ God Slasayver!! I want him to show up again!

Kanagawa Prefecture, Tomato



▲ Wow! This guy's tough! Who can take him out?!!



▲ Oh, really? It was you... S-stop scaring me...

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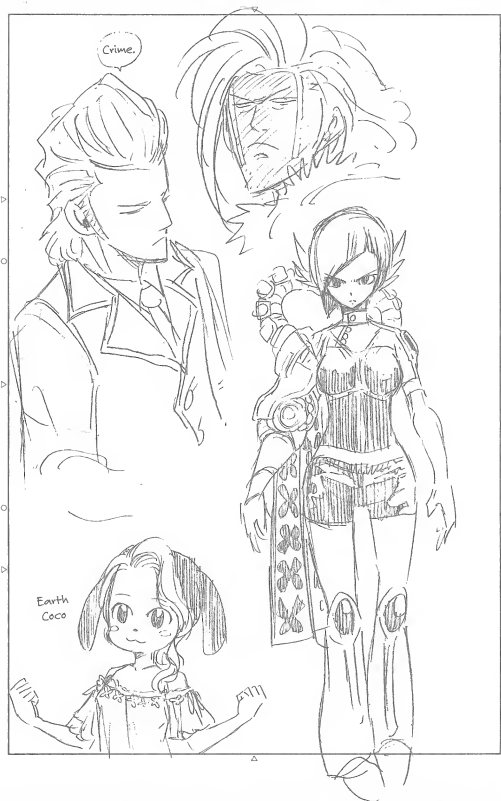
Seven Kin Collection!

FAIRY TAIL

26

フェアリーテイル

星野 亜希



FROM HIRO NASHIMA



In addition to the regular release of Volume 26, there is also a special edition of this volume* that comes with a DVD and other features. But for some reason, a cat-eared Lucy is making a strange pose on the cover, and the insides are the same as Volume 26. I'm really sorry it was confusing. Be sure not to buy both the special edition and the normal edition by mistake.

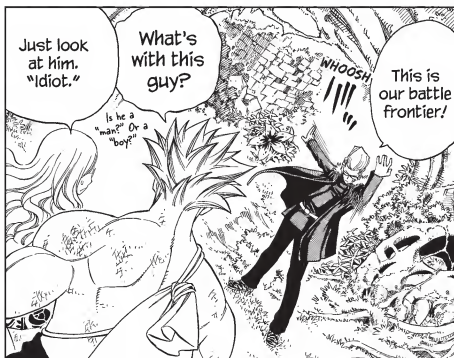
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Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 80, Boy

The *kanji* that Elfman usually uses for ‘man’ is a *kanji* that men can use for ‘I.’ It’s usually pronounced *boku*, but it can also be pronounced *otoko* (the Japanese word for ‘man’). But in this case, he uses another *kanji* that can also be pronounced *otoko* but is usually pronounced *rō*, as in the name Ichirō. The *rō kanji* means male or son, and it seems to mean someone younger than the standard *kanji* for ‘man.’



Page 87, Kagutsuchi

In the ancient book of Japanese myths, the *Kojiki*, the twin gods Izanami and Izanagi gave birth to the Japanese islands as well as many other deities and forefathers of the Japanese people. One of their children was Kagutsuchi, a Japanese god of fire. It is said that the birth of Kagutsuchi burned Izanami and caused her death.

Page 151, Lord Zeref

There are a number of honorifics that are known to modern Japanese, but are not in common usage. One of the more often seen is *-dono*, which is a way to refer to a feudal lord. The honorific Ultear uses here, *-kyō*, is less common and more polite, but can also translate as 'my lord.'

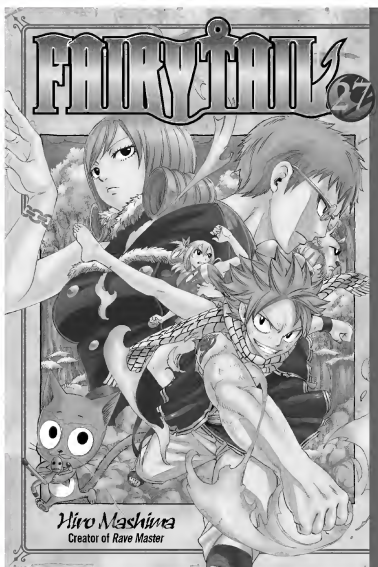


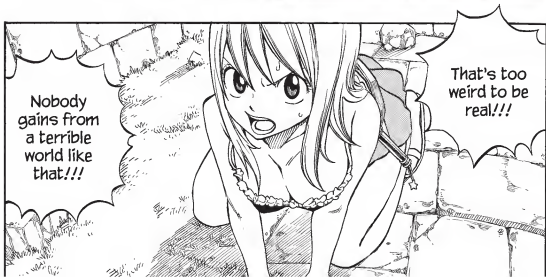
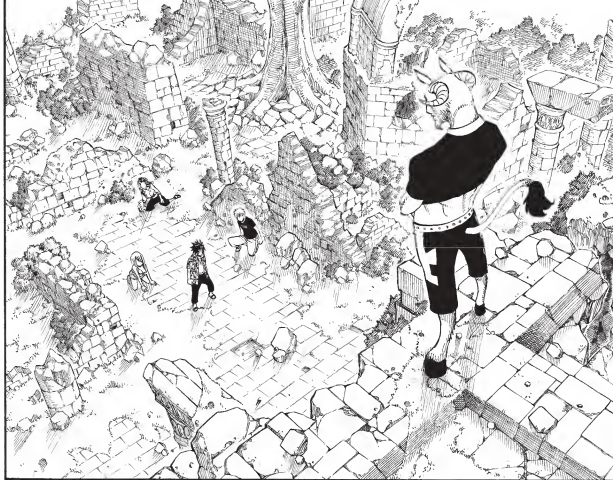
Page 187, Silly face

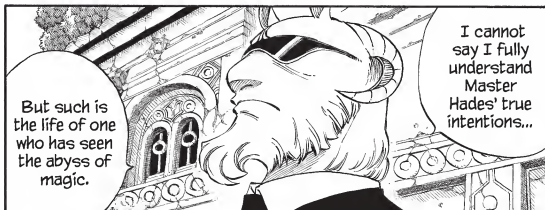
The kind of face that is referred to in Japan as a *gumō* face. It's the kind of despairing face that Makarov makes in Volume 25 in the bottom right-hand panel of page 57. In Japanese, the face has the sound effect 'gumō' right next to it.

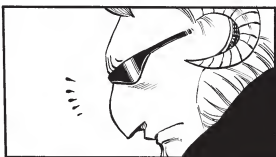
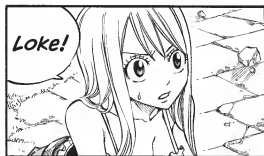
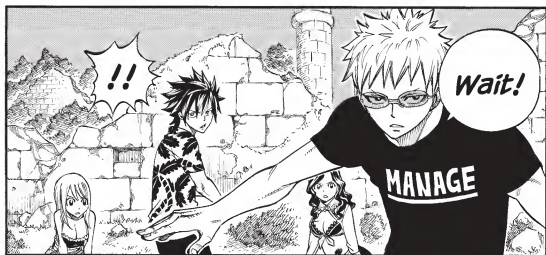
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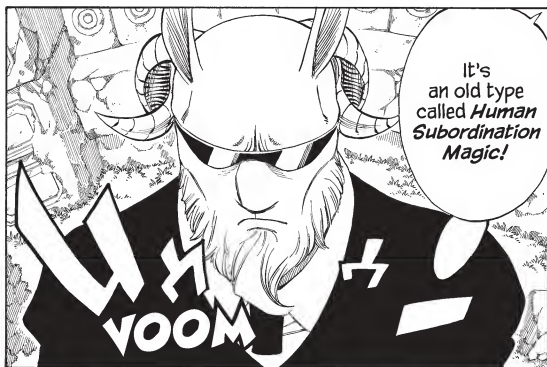
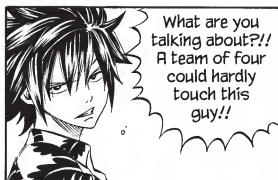
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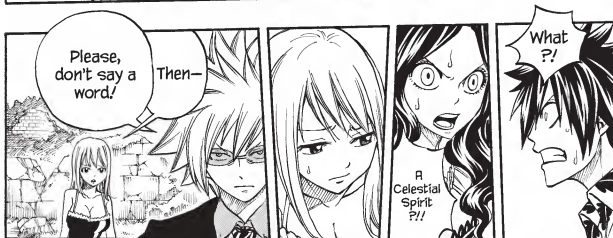


But it
doesn't work
on a Celestial
Spirit like
me!



...he's a
spirit too!
Capricorn of
the Caprine
Palace!

And you may
have already
noticed,
but...



Please,
don't say a
word!

Then—

A
Celestial
Spirit
?!!

What
?!



I see. I
thought you
had completely
forgotten that you
were a Celestial
Spirit...



As
a fellow
Celestial, I
challenge
you to
single
combat!

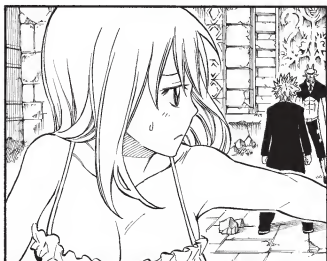


We can't
fight the guy
while he's
suppressing
our magic
power!



But...

The
rest of
you... Go,
please!





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TOMARE!



You're going the wrong way!

Manga is a completely different
type of reading experience.

To start at the *beginning*,
go to the *end*!

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